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Proposal for an updated plan of action on nuclear disarmament to be adopted by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Working paper submitted by Cuba

1. Cuba fully supports the working documents and proposals presented by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, including the proposed substantive recommendations for incorporation into the final document of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

2. The 2015 Review Conference should **adopt an updated plan of action on nuclear disarmament** and take decisions on concrete actions to ensure the full implementation of all commitments and the unequivocal undertakings assumed by the nuclear-weapon States, at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences, to accomplish the prohibition and total elimination of nuclear weapons.

3. Cuba proposes that the updated plan of action be adopted in 2015, including the following 10 actions, among others to be considered and decided by the States parties to the Treaty:

- *Action 1*: To support the commencement of negotiations, immediately after the 2015 Review Conference, on a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use and to provide for their destruction within a specified framework of time.
- *Action 2*: Pending the realization of the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons, to immediately start negotiations on the provision of effective, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable, universal, legally binding security assurances by all the nuclear-weapon States to all non-nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under all circumstances.

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- *Action 3*: Pending the adoption of the unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable security assurances, all nuclear-weapon States shall fully respect their existing commitments with regard to negative security assurances and shall extend these assurances, without any condition and discrimination, to all non-nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty.
- *Action 4*: To demand the immediate and unconditional cessation of all nuclear weapon tests and the closure of all nuclear weapon test sites. All States parties that have not yet done so should close and dismantle, in a transparent, irreversible and verifiable manner, any remaining sites for nuclear test explosions and their associated infrastructure.
- *Action 5*: To support the prohibition of all nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions, or nuclear weapon tests in any alternative ways, as well as the use of new technologies for upgrading the existing nuclear weapons systems.
- *Action 6*: To urge the nuclear weapon-States to prohibit completely nuclear weapons research and to immediately cease all plans to further invest in modernizing, upgrading, refurbishing or extending the lives or other measures regarding the qualitative improvement of their nuclear weapons and related facilities and to end the production of new types of nuclear weapons.
- *Action 7*: To support the commencement of negotiations and the adoption of a legally binding treaty to prevent and prohibit an arms race in outer space.
- *Action 8*: To support the commencement of negotiations on a treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, including all practical measures to eliminate the past production and existing stockpiles of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, in an irreversible and verifiable manner, taking into account both nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation objectives.
- *Action 9*: To establish a clear deadline for the complete exclusion of the use and the threat of use of nuclear weapons from all the military and security policies, concepts and doctrines.
- *Action 10*: To support the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/32 on the follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, through which the Assembly: (a) called for the urgent commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament for the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use and to provide for their destruction; (b) decided to convene, no later than 2018, a United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament to review the progress made in this regard; and (c) declared 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons devoted to furthering this objective.

4. The 2015 Review Conference should establish a standing committee to monitor the implementation of the updated plan of action on nuclear disarmament and to make recommendations on additional steps to ensure the full implementation of article VI of the Treaty.